



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 5

DEPT.: / City Clerk's Office
STAFF CONTACT: Brenda Bean

DATE PREPARED: April 25, 2005
FOR MEETING OF: May 2, 2005

SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring May 31, 2005, Memorial Day, as ROCKVILLE POPPY DAY

RECOMMENDATION: Read and present proclamation. The 2005 Poppy Girl is Elizabeth Ann Neary, granddaughter of Michael and Thelma O'Connell. Accepting the Proclamation will be Vera Rausch, President of the American Legion Unit 86 Auxiliary.

DISCUSSION: The American Legion Auxiliary, Henderson Smith Edmonds Unit No. 86, Rockville, Maryland, makes the Poppy Day request of the Mayor and Council each year to honor and recognize the sacrifices made by American Veterans, and others who serve our Country.

Options Considered: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Change in Law or Policy: Not applicable.

Boards and Commissions Review: Not applicable.

Next Steps: Not applicable.

PREPARED BY:

Brenda Bean
Brenda Bean, Deputy City Clerk

4/25/05
Date

APPROVED BY:

Claire F. Funkhouser
Claire Funkhouser, City Clerk

4/25/05
Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Proclamation



WHEREAS, The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war, and represented the hope that none had died in vain; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four wars, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered; and

WHEREAS, since it began in 1921, Poppy Day has become a familiar tradition in almost every American community, with the distribution of the bright red memorial flower to the public being one of the oldest and most widely-recognized programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY GIAMMO, Mayor, along with the Councilmembers of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2005, Memorial Day, as **ROCKVILLE POPPY DAY** and urge participation in this commemoration by all citizens who, by such action, will demonstrate their faith in those men and women who died in the cause of liberty and justice throughout the years.

Mayor Larry Giammo

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

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